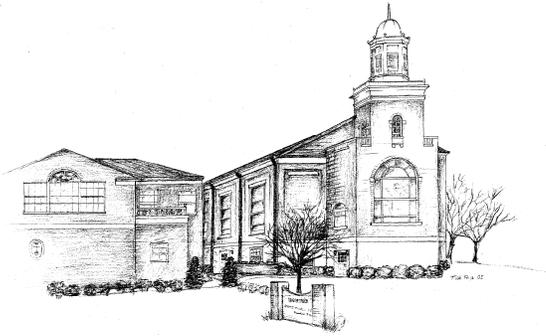


**DAVID'S DATLINE**  
**JULY 2014 Newsletter**



**Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 9:50 a.m.**  
**Church School, 9:50 a.m.**

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*Ministers of David's Church - All David's People*  
**Senior Pastor Brian Q. Newcomb**  
**Acting Associate Pastor Bev Jenkins**

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

July 1-3 - Office Hours 9 AM-2 PM

July 4 - Office Closed

July 6 - WAG Rummage Sale Collection Starts

July 7-8 - Office Hours 9 AM-2 PM

July 13 - Golf Outing

July 17 - WAG Rummage Sale Preview Night

July 18 & 19 - WAG Rummage Sale

July 20-24 - Vacation Bible School

July 28-31 - Office Hours 9 AM-2 PM

## From The Pastor's Desk....

On one of the evenings in Memphis during our recent pilgrimage with the Confirmation Class, we took advantage of the Prayer Labyrinth that had been carefully laid out in the wood floor of the sanctuary at First Congregational UCC. As you probably know, a labyrinth is a circular construction that allows a person to enter and follow the path in and out, back and forth until you reach the center.



For hundreds of years, Christians have found this to be a grand metaphor for the spiritual life, the journey of faith, and an invitation to prayer. As I explained to the kids before we walked it for ourselves, some have merely prayed a set, memorized prayer as they made the journey. Others have prayed internal prayers as they walked toward the center, then retracing their journey they prayed prayers for the external world as they walked their way out. Still, others have used each of the turns on the journey as an opportunity to pray for someone in their circle of friends and acquaintances, pausing with each prayer before turning in the new direction on the path.

When it was my turn to enter the labyrinth, that last instruction was the one that came naturally to me. Given our immediate circumstances, the first turns I prayed for each of our young confirmands, that they would have a meaningful experience on our journey together, and for Susan and I as we led them through the days.

Then my thoughts turned to my immediate family, Susie and the children, our grandchild, to Marian and my parents, and then our siblings and their extended families, my nieces and nephews, and then to dear friends, and then to prayers for David's Church and its many members. Sometimes the issue was a health concern, others it was a person's spiritual well-being, economic or other worries, but I began to marvel at how each turn in the labyrinth (and there are a lot) elicited a new thought, brought another person or situation to mind, how I never seemed to lack for folk to pray for. This family and then that, our children in the Sunday School, each family as they travel on summer vacation, those who have lost loved ones recently, others who are sending kids off to college and new places to live, and each child that was beginning to find their way in the world.

In the long quiet walk from the beginning of the labyrinth until I reached its center, my mind would move up and down the pews of our sanctuary, praying for the family that sits there, the one's who used to sit here and there but can no longer get to church on Sundays, the long-time members who always sit in this pew, the newer visitors who have yet to claim one spot in the pews as their own and move from side to side testing the waters of love and acceptance as they go. Sometimes my prayers were sad, as I thought of situations filled with hurt, disappointment and loss, other times I almost laughed out loud, thinking about one of our bright young ones, or a situation that was a cause for joy and celebration.

Turned out there were so many turns, so many opportunities for prayer, that I think I paused for a moment and prayed for everyone at David's Church. There were even enough turns that I prayed for some who have moved on from David's, and for those whose names and faces I do not yet know who have yet to find their way too us. In short, it was a curious and reflective experiment in the practice of prayer, of naming a concern or a person or a situation and placing them thoughtfully into God's care.

Now, I am not foreign to the idea and practice of prayer; it's practically a part of my job description, one I take seriously. Of course, I'm called upon regularly for public prayers, both in Sunday services and before meals when ever the church gathers. I pray often when I visit folk in the hospital, or our folk at home who are shut in, or about to face a surgery or are dealing with a difficult situation when folk visit in my office. I never try to force prayers on folk, sometimes it just doesn't feel natural or timely, but mostly, I know that's why I'm there, why folk have come to me, they want prayers, they want me to ask for God to be with them, with us. But, for every spoken prayer, every word said out loud, there are many more that have been lifted up throughout the day.

I do try to be prayerful throughout the day, not just setting aside this time slot or that for prayers. Setting a block of time aside rarely seems to work for me, that's often a time when I get the most distractions. So, when I get the prayer chain emails, or see a concern expressed on Facebook about a sick child, an impending surgery, or difficult situation, I tend to take a moment right then and there to pray. And not unlike the concept of "mindfulness" in Buddhism, I try to keep my mind and spirit open so that throughout the day, I'm prayerful and centered... well, as mindful and centered as a modern person can be with a calendar of meetings, events, distractions, anxieties and a host of folk pulling one in this direction and that. I think that's one reason we call it a "practice." Perhaps the Apostle Paul was calling us to the practice of mindfulness when he calls people of faith to "pray without ceasing."

But I also know that prayer is not a magic spell, or something akin to placing an order with a Cosmic Bell-hop. But I have also come to think that it's far more than mere wishful thinking. I don't expect that my prayers control or shape actual outcomes, but I take comfort in the thought that God is listening, that I can share my thoughts and feelings and trust that God cares and shares our concerns. Prayer certainly makes a difference in the one who prays, it makes a difference in how I face the world and deal with my own anxiety and worry. And when folk have shared with me that they are praying for me, I have often felt comforted and encouraged by that fact. If anything, prayer connects us, first to God, but also to each other and to the larger concerns of the world.

So, let us remember to pray for one other, to pray for the mission and vision of our church and her leaders, to pray for the children and the very old, to pray for those who are on the prayer chain, and for those who have been going through physical and other challenges but have chosen not to share their situation on the prayer chain. Let us pray for our world, filled with turmoil, violence and disease, let us pray for peace and justice, for a mending of all that his broken and torn. Let us pray for those who travel, and those who stay put, those who are near and those who are far away. Let's pray for each person that God places on our minds and hearts, the ones passing through, and those who are here to stay.

I write this between journeys, arriving home with Susie after our 8 day pilgrimage with the confirmands, and just days before I depart with our 10 person contingent from SONKA to travel to Africa and visit our mission partners in Rubate, Kenya. In all of this activity, and especially in that quiet late night walk around the labyrinth, I've been reminded of the central role of prayer in the lives of persons of faith. Pray for me, please, as I will be praying for you.

Your pastor and friend,  
*Brian Q. Newcomb*

## Return of the "You Asked For It" Sermons

For the last few years, Dr. Newcomb focused several of his sermons to respond to questions raised by members of the congregation. If you provide the questions or topics, he'll attempt to do it again this year, on the Sundays of July 20 & 27 and August 3. So, have a question or interest you'd like to hear Pastor Brian address in a sermon, send him a note or email ([brian@davidsucc.org](mailto:brian@davidsucc.org)). Please include your name so he can clarify any questions, even though he promises to respect your confidentiality and not to mention your name to anyone. If there are no special issues or questions, Dr. Newcomb will return to the standard lectionary for those Sundays.

## Vacation Bible School

- This year David's UCC Vacation Bible School 's theme will be "Workshop of Wonders"
  - Where children will learn how to build there relationship with God.
  - VBS is open to all David's youth and to the community at large for any child Kindergarten through 5th grade.
  - We are encouraging our children to bring a new friend to VBS this year.
  - The dates are July 20th-24th. The time is 6:30PM-8:00PM
  - The children will receive snacks, play games, do crafts and hear bible stories and this year there will be a science lab.
  - They will also learn new and fun songs.
  - I will be putting together a poster and sign up sheet in the Narthex in the next couple of weeks.
  - Please fill out a registration form located at the VBS poster in the Narthex
  - Any adults interested in helping may also sign up in the Narthex at the VBS display.
- Thank you, *Steven Roark* and *Deb Monk*



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## ***Rummage Sale NEWS FLASH!!!***

It's almost time to bring all those treasures you've been accumulating in your "Rummage Sale Corner" to David's!!!

***Drop Off of Items begins Sunday, July 6 - On Sunday, July 6 we'll also be setting up the tables in Fellowship Hall immediately after the 9:50 worship and would be most appreciative of all who could stay and help! Last Day to Donate Items is Wednesday, July 16 at NOON***

If you have large items you'd like to donate and need them picked up, please call Debbie McCoy at 299-9218. Lots of volunteers are needed to sort, price, and arrange items prior to the Sale. We work nearly every day beginning July 8 from 9:00 a.m. till about 1:00 p.m. and we'll add evening hours beginning July 15 (7-9). ANY TIME you can give is very much appreciated!!!

### **PREVIEW NIGHT - Thursday, July 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

*Admission for Preview Night will benefit Mission!*

*Bring a jar of Peanut Butter for the Kettering Backpack Program*

*Or, A Canned Good for our Mission Partner - St. Paul's Pantry*

*Or, A cash donation which will be used by the Mission Board.*



### **SHOPPING DAY - Friday, July 18 from NOON to 6:00 p.m.**

### **SHOPPING DAY - Saturday, July 19 from 9a.m. to NOON**

Volunteers are needed on Friday and Saturday to assist customers and keep the merchandise nicely arranged, work at the check-out - calculating sales and bagging items, as well as helping customers to load furniture or large purchases. AND THEN . . . At NOON on SATURDAY, volunteers are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED to help pack up all the leftovers.

We hope you'll be part of the fun and fellowship of making this year's Rummage Sale a great success!

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## **David's Partnering with the City of Kettering Healthy Youth Summer Foodtastic Program ~**

*Too often we underestimate the power of touch, a smile, a kind word, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. ~ Leo Buscaglia*

Your Mission Board will once again partner with the City of Kettering Healthy Youth Summer Foodtastic program. We are one of many churches, St. Charles, Fairhaven, Incarnation, along with the Kettering Kiwanas and several other Kettering area businesses. All of which have agreed to provide a lunch to low income children in our community.

The Mission Board has accepted to provide lunch and interaction for the children who reside in The Trials of Oakcreek apartment complex (off Whipp road) the week of August 4th through the 8th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Your Mission Board is spearheading this event but we are in need of volunteers. We are in need of you who are able to give of your time and energy to help serve lunches and interact with these children. We understand that many of you cannot give of yourselves the entire week, so please give what you can, 2 days, 3 days. The lunches will be fairly simple, a sandwich, fruit, chips/pretzels, and juice or milk. The lunches are one aspect of this program the other is interacting with the children. Most of all it is talking and extended our hand to let them know that there are many who care.

If you cannot assist Monday through Friday 11 to 1, another way is help prepare the lunches the night before in the church kitchen. Or contributing monetarily to the program to help in the purchase of juice, milk, snack, fruit, bread, etc. If you wish to contribute monetarily please mark your envelope with Kettering Youth. Keep an eye out for sign up sheets coming soon to the Narthex

Through your generosity David's Mission Board has been able to assist many internationally, nationally, statewide, and locally. Here is another opportunity for our generosity to reach those here in our own community. Thank you from your *Mission Board*.

## Recycling Is Here At David's

The Trustees, working with Rumpke Waste and Recycling, are starting a Single Stream Recycling Program. Red recycling bins have been placed in the kitchen and church office. Also posted in the kitchen and office is an Acceptable/Unacceptable Materials List. As a church there are many activities that generate waste. Daily office and kitchen waste, Keenagers, receptions, Spaghetti Dinner, Pilgrim Feast, Gateway, just to name a few. The Trustees ask that if you or your organization hosts an activity here at David's, please become familiar with the Acceptable/Unacceptable list and appropriately recycle your waste into the Red Recycling bin or standard trash can. Let's make this a Recycling Win for David's Church. Questions can be directed to the Trustees or call *Dennis Lee* at 297-1815.

## All Church Picnic – August 6

Location: Lynn & Ralph Bender's home- 10300 Stationview Court, Centerville, OH 45458

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Main meat dish, drinks, and tableware provided will be provided

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex on the bulletin board.

You may choose to bring a vegetable, salad, side dish, or dessert for 10 people.

Please bring a lawn chair.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the hosts.



## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers (\$20 per vase) are available for the upcoming months. You may order flower arrangements for the altar to honor or remember a special someone in your life or to celebrate a special occasion.

Your message will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Call the church office, 434-2131, to order.

## Gateway

The Mission Board is looking for a few good leaders!! If you want to see David's outreach in action sign up to be a leader for Gateway one month and you will receive the sincere gratitude that these gentlemen pass on to us as we serve them. You help organize the packing up and serving of the meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad and rolls that have been prepared by the congregation and in return you receive the satisfaction of sharing our good fortune with others.

Look for a sign up sheet in the Narthex for leaders beginning in August and going to the end of the year. If you have questions stop one of your Mission Board members, *Betsy Keyes, Jeff Baldwin, Bernie Wheeler, Sue Krichbaum, Cindy Combs, Anne Brown, or Addie Weaver.*

You Are Invited . . .

11th Annual Ramadan Interfaith Iftar Dinner

**Host:**

Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati

**When:**

Sunday, July 13 at 7:45 PM

**Where:**

Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati 8092 Plantation Dr West Chester, OH 45069

**RSVP:**

513-755-3280

## David's Bazaar Is For Service and Fellowship

Our Bazaar fellowship is a loosely organized group of members and friends who make items for our sale in November. We meet on Tuesdays around 10am in Fellowship Hall to plan and create our unique items while enjoying each other's company. The funds we raise at the Bazaar go to church maintenance and special projects. We invite everyone to participate whenever their schedule permits. Our projects may include crafting, sewing, knitting, baking, painting, or woodworking. Watch the Sunday bulletin for special workshops where we teach and produce one specific item.

Tuesday, July 1, *Sue DeLon* will be teaching how to make paper boxes and edible mice for the holiday bazaar.

And we invite you to join our email list to stay informed of what our group is up to. Just write your email on Bazaar list in the Narthex.

## Bulletins for Shut-ins

Each Friday, we send a bulletin to those members who are unable to be with us for Sunday's worship service. If you or someone you know would like to receive the bulletin in the mail each week, please call the church office at 434-2131. We will happily add you to the list!

*Nexus Church is please to announce the Ordination of Michelle Wilkey*

*July 27, 2014 at 3 p.m.*

*6645 Morris Road*

*Hamilton, OH 45011*

*Meeting in the East Butler County YMCA*

## Serving at Gateway

For many of us Sundays begin with church and fellowship we have here with our David's church family. Then the rest of the day is ours to do whatever we like, golf, visiting friends or family, being alone with a favorite book, or maybe something we have never done before. There is a Sunday that many of us give of our time and serve lunch at Gateway. This is always the first Sunday of each month. Come rain or shine, we at David's pack up the meatloaves, mashed potatoes, green beans, jell-o, rolls, lemonade and off we go to Gateway. Those of us who have served these men, which usually takes an hour and half of our Sunday, have heard that the meal we provide is one of their favorites. Who could blame them, what is more comforting than meatloaf and mashed potatoes?



One thing that comes to mind is the sense of helping those in need, reaching out your hand with a plate of home cooked food and seeing a smile and a sincere thank you, that is comforting. If you would like to join us, there are sign up sheets in the Narthex every month. You can sign up to make meatloaf, green beans, jell-o, or sign up to serve. Remember that we ask that if you sign up to prepare food, you prepare enough to serve 18 men, which your meatloaves are sliced, and jell-o is in individual cups. You can also sign up to bring roles or lemonade. Additionally, if you want to be the leader for a particular month see/contact one of your Mission Board member's, *Betsy Keyes, Jeff Baldwin, Bernie Wheeler, Sue Krichbaum, Cindy Combs, Anne Brown, or Addie Weaver*. They would gladly answer your questions. If you are still not sure of being a leader, sign up to serve, and you will see how easy it really is.

Some of us have children and maybe aren't sure if they can be included, this keeps you from serving. You will be glad to know that children are welcome to serve and many of our children and grandchildren have. The younger children/youth have taken the position of passing out jell-o or filling the lemonade cups and the older ones have served the hot food. There are guidelines we must adhere to, children, grandchildren 18 and older do not have to be accompanied by a parent nor do we have to have a permission slip; children, grandchildren 10-17 must be accompanied by a parent or have a signed permission slip. We encourage families to participate.

Again, through the generosity of David's, we provide these men a hot, home-cooked meal the first Sunday of each month. Your Mission Board cannot thank all of you enough. This is another reason to come serve, you can hear, "thank you", from those whose are benefiting from your generosity.

Blessings, your *Mission Board*

## July Birthdays

- 1 Samantha Bennett
- 4 Betty Espy  
Laura Cryst
- 5 Judy Slanker
- 6 Jan Murphy
- 7 Signe Yelland
- 8 Helen Maze  
Bernie Wheeler
- 11 Vickie Dixon
- 12 Jim Dapp
- 13 Bob King  
John Chabut  
Zach Weed
- 15 Dave Oertel  
Anne Brown  
Kara Tate
- 16 Jack McNabb  
Julie Bernard
- 17 Heather Bishop



- 18 Gayle Jordan  
Daryl Leighty  
Polli Leighty  
Emily Greene
- 20 Alice Stone  
Owen Trost
- 21 Michael Roediger  
Ava Banks  
Graham Mhaskar
- 22 Duane Bayman  
Mary Rose Back
- 23 Bobby Trost
- 25 Jim Murphy
- 26 Joyce Porter
- 28 Dianne Marroletti  
Amy Askins
- 29 Jason Trost
- 30 Dick Eichel  
Pam Patterson  
Steve Wellbaum
- 31 Margie Phillips  
Dianna Hopkins

## Wedding

On June 20, 2014, *Lyn Atherton & Mike Morton* were married by *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb* at David's Church.

## Death

Our sympathy to *Kurt Olt, Jan Olt, Kurt Olt, and their families* in the loss of brother and uncle, *Robert Olt*, on June 12, 2014.

## Bob Lathrop Memorial Service

The family of Bob Lathrop would like to thank you for your thoughts, cards, and sympathy following Bob's passing on April 24, 2014. They will hold a memorial service on July 19, at 1:00 p.m., in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Oakwood Room, at One Lincoln Park (590 Isaac Prugh Way, Kettering).

## Communion Change

For simplicity sake, only grape juice will be served for communion during July and August. The September Dateline will include a survey to determine if we should continue with this practice.



## Change in Office Hours

**June 30, July 1-3, 7-8, 28-31 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Due to staff vacations & Pastor Brian being in Kenya, the church office will be open only from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 30, July 1-2 and 7-8 (the office will be closed on July 4). If you have an emergency outside of those hours, please contact Pastor Bev on her home phone. (937) 435-5883.

The pastors will be attending to their visits to the home bound, hospitalized, and other meetings. Please call the office if you plan to stop by during this change to make sure that someone will be there to assist you.

## Golf Outing

Our first golf outing of the will be held Sunday, July 13, at Community Golf Course (inside). Tee times will start at 12:30 p.m. Look for a sign-up, in the Narthex.

Don't miss out on the fun! Any questions? Contact *Paul & Kaaren Dunlap*, 433-0665.

## Summer Special Music

Have a hidden musical talent? Want to share it with us on a Sunday morning this summer? *Tim Williams*, our Music Director, is looking for special music volunteers while the choir is on summer hiatus. Please sign-up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see *Tim*.

<u>SUNDAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>	
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